

Standing Committee on Rules, May 2, 2005

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:35 PM. Members present were: Michael Berardi, Teri Banerjee, Judy Perry, Joel Winett, Don Chute and Archie Lyon.

There was a motion by Joel Winett and second by Teri Banerjee to accept the Minutes of April 3, 2005. The vote was 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention. One member arrived after the vote was taken.

Old Business:

- Open Meeting Law-precinct meetings may be exempt from Open Meeting Law, will continue to investigate this issue. Do organizational precinct meetings need to be posted? Joel Winett will look at town by-laws and MGL.
- Electronic voting- no new information.
- Review of Annual Town Meeting to date.
 - 1. Informational table-so far so good. Bernice should allow materials that arrive after 7:00PM to be place on the table if they concern articles not being considered that evening. Moderator should announce that there are new materials to be picked up after town meeting adjourns.
 - 2. Amendments on the fly-encourage the use of this computer. Preplanned motions or amendments should be formatted ahead of time so that they can be projected using the main computer. We discussed having all of the motions be available on the on-the fly computer. Encourage amendments be made by editing on the on-the-fly computer and transferred to the main computer for projection. Main motions should be available to all TMM 24 hours before the motion is presented. All of these issues will be discussed by the new committee.
 - 3. Comments-committee chairs have made personal comments in their committee reports. Moderator has not called a meeting of all of the precinct chairs, standing committee chairs and his appointed committee chairs.

New Business:

- 1. Joel Winett presented notes he took while attending Natick's Town Meeting.
- 2. There was a motion to adjourn at 9:35 PM by Michael Berardi, second by Judy Perry, the vote was 6 in favor, 0 opposed and no abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Chute, Clerk